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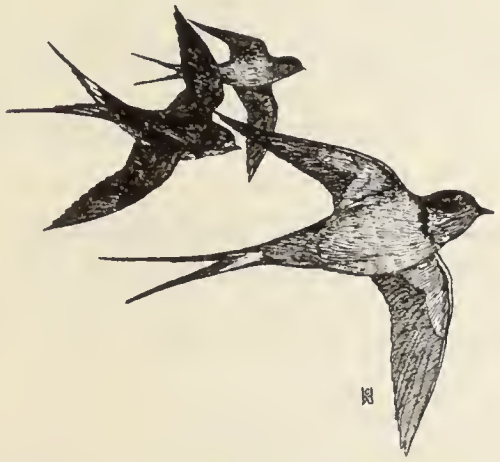
Eric and Laurel Reynolds - A Tribute



In June, the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be losing two of its most illustrious members — Laurel and Eric Reynolds. The Reynolds are moving to Washington where they are building a new home on their property on the Hood Canal.

The Reynolds have served this society for many years beginning in 1942 when Laurel was the editor of The *Gull*. She was later the society's president, then its director and wildlife film hostess. Eric has held the offices of president, vice president and director.

Both of them have had distinguished careers. Eric has practiced medicine in Oakland since 1926. His interest in birds began as a small boy in Washington. He is respected for the scholarly quality of his "avocation," and over the years he has been a frequent contributor to *Condor, Natural History Magazine,* and *American Wilderness.* He is also a member of the American Ornithological Union. During World War II when he was chief of surgery for Admiral Halsey's staff, his 125,000 miles of Pacific island hopping enabled him to collect skins for the UC Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

Laurel was a lecturer for 17 years for the National Audubon Society. Her wildlife films established her reputation as one of the country's outstanding nature film makers. With Mindy Willis, Laurel collaborated on

two films, one for the Sierra Club titled, "An Island in Time — Pt. Reyes National Seashore," and another, "Audubon Canyon Ranch," for the National Audubon Society.

Their home and acre garden in Piedmont has long been an oasis for birds and birdlovers. There they raised their two children — Gordon, who practices law in Bremerton, Washington and spends weekends on the family property on the Hood Canal, and their daughter Ariel Parkinson, a well-known painter, who lives with her family in Berkeley.

My friendship with the Reynolds began 35 years ago when I was a fledgling member of a local Girl Scout troop. We were working on our bird badge and our leader Enid Austin (another GGAS member) took us to the Reynolds' lovely Piedmont garden where Laurel introduced us to the wonderous world of birds. For me it was the beginning of a new and fulfilling direction. I will always be grateful to them.

And so will the Golden Gate Audubon Society.

We wish you good luck in your new venture, Eric and Laurel. We will think of you often on your beautiful land with its fir forest, the valley with the stream where salmon come to spawn and the view across the water to the snowy Olympics.

—PHILA WITHERELL

ATTENTION BIRDERS: Two graduate students in Wildlife Management at Humboldt State University, Arcata have requested the following information on Bald Eagles.

If you have ever observed a Bald Eagle in California, please provide us with the following information:

—Your name and address (we may wish to contact you).
—The location of the sighting as precisely as your memory allows.
—The date (month or season, and year).
—Type of observation or circumstances of the sighting.
—Did you observe a single bird, a pair, or more?
—Adults or immatures?
—Did you observe a nest?
—What kinds of activities did you observe, hunting, perching, soaring, etc.?

Any observation no matter how brief or how long ago will help us in our project.

Please send the information to:

Stephen Waste and/or Robert Lehman
P. O. Box 937
Arcata, California 95521

Conservation

"AMERICANS COMMITTED TO CONSERVATION" is the motto of GGAS and the National Audubon Society; it is printed on the letter paper of both organizations. National Audubon has stated goals and concerns which it urges all Audubon members, and the chapters in particular, to focus on. Some of these goals are: 1. Promotion of the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment; 2. Support of public and private measures for the prevention of environmental pollution; 3. Working for land-use and water policies in keeping with sound principles of ecology; 4. Protection of public interest in our public lands; 5. Promoting conservation of energy.

The articles of incorporation of GGAS define as some of the purposes of the corporation for which it was formed:

(a) To arouse through education public recognition of the value of, and need for protection of, wild birds and other animals, plants, soil and water, as well as of the interdependence of these several resources.

(b) To study and conduct research with relation to the scientific facts, a knowledge of which is essential to the formation of sound policies in the field of conservation.

(c) To foster recognition of the need for the preservation of such environmental conditions as ample food, water and cover, on the maintenance of which animals and plants depend for survival.

(d) To foster the preservation of an adequate stock of native animals and plants, so that no species may become threatened with extinction.

(e) To promote the protection and preservation of natural resources, including the encouragement, establishment and maintenance of nature sanctuaries.

WE THANK ALL OF YOU concerned people who have taken the time to write on the issues which have been presented for the past year in this space. At times it is hard to be optimistic about conservation matters. Concern often does pay off though, as it did in the recent incident of the killer whales in Puget Sound.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED at the May Board meeting: "Resolved that the GGAS board of directors is against any clearcutting of eucalyptus trees in the East Bay Regional Parks."

BEGINNING WITH THE JULY *GULL* this column will be written by the Berkeley naturalist, Elise White.

—SHIRLEY TAYLOR, *Conservation Editor*

SUMMER BIRDING CLASSES WITH JOE MORLAN

Joe's popular "mini-course" in Field Ornithology will be repeated this June in San Francisco. The course consists of lectures each Wednesday evening and Saturday field trips. The classes are free. To enroll it is only necessary to be at the Galileo Community College Center in the Marina Junior High School, Room 254, 1749 Bay Street, at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 2. This four week course will stress field identification of wild birds, and is suitable for beginning or intermediate students. For further information, contact the Galileo Community College at 922-6620.

For those in the East Bay, we are sponsoring six week beginning birding classes at Albany and Piedmont Adult Schools. For the first time we are offering day classes which will consist almost entirely of field trips. At Piedmont, day classes will begin Monday, June 14, from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Evening classes will start, Tuesday, June 15, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Extra field trips may be arranged for the evening class. A nominal registration fee allows the student to enroll in both classes if desired. For further information, contact the Piedmont Adult School at 653-9454.

Evening classes at Albany will begin, Monday, June 21 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in room 122 of the Albany High School, 603 Key Route Blvd. Day classes will begin Wednesday, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in room 107. For further information, contact the Albany Adult School at 526-6441 (days) or 525-7131 (evenings).

FALL BOAT TRIPS

The Golden Gate Audubon Society will sponsor boat trips on September 11, October 9 and October 17 for those interested in viewing sea birds and marine mammals. The boats are scheduled to leave from Monterey at 8 A.M. and will return about 3 P.M. The fare is $12.00 per person. Please send your check (payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society) along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Golden Gate Audubon Society, Boat Trips, 2718 Telegraph Avenue #206, Berkeley, CA 94705. Please indicate if an alternate date would be acceptable if your first choice is filled. Details on where to meet will be sent to you along with acknowlegement of payment.

A REMINDER

The Colonial Bird Register information is still being sought by the Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, 159 Sapsueker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York, 14853. The GGAS office has requested a supply of forms to be used so as to make them more readily available to our members. Please call if you wish one.

April Observations

April is synonymous with spring migration. Shorebirds are in their summer dress and mudflats like Alameda Southshore are filled, including up to 450 high-plumaged Red Knot. Breeding birds are setting up territories, and by month's end almost all species are present including late arrivals such as Western Wood Pewee and Olive-sided Flycatcher and local breeders like Black-chinned and Grasshopper Sparrows. Six of the endangered California race of the Least Tern arrived at Alameda by April 28th, an area where they will attempt to nest. Our most exciting birds were two Asiatic or Alaskan strays — Black-headed Gull and Bar-tailed Godwit — which are described more fully below.

A Common Loon and Nine **Horned Grebes** were on Calaveras Res., Alameda Co. Apr. 14. Both are uncommon inland and the latter is a particularly high count (DE). **Cattle Egrets** may be moving into Contra Costa Co. as 1 was seen along Jersey Is. Rd. Apr. 13 (NK, GV). An **American Brant** was picked out of a flock of Black Brant flying by Limantour Apr. 17 (RS, DE, JL, SL). These "species" are undoubtedly conspecific, but the white-bellied form is very rare in California. A new **Oldsquaw** report came from Tiburon Apr. 2 (RM). Encouraging was a count of nine **Swainson's Hawks** at San Luis NWR Apr. 3, as they have been declining in recent years (GZ, CC); another was seen at Lake Chabot, Alameda Co. Apr. 9 (NK), an unusual sighting away from the Central Valley. A **Black Rail** was heard in Olema marsh Apr. 17 (RS, DE JL, SL) where it is a scarce local breeder. What constitutes only the 5th California record of the **Bar-tailed Godwit** was a winter-plumaged bird well described from Bodega Bay Apr. 17 (BMcC). This is the first spring report and though the odds against finding any particular wintering bird somewhere else on migration must be staggering, it is interesting that the Bar-tailed Godwit that wintered in Los Angeles area had departed shortly before this observation. That weekend also brought inland sightings of **Red Phalaropes**, which normally migrate well offshore. Most unusual was one at the Woodland sugar ponds Apr. 17 (B&LJ) and three were at Bodega Bay Apr. 19 (GMg, CP), while apparently several others were at Pescadero. Two

Pomarine Jaegers were seen during a storm well inside Tomales Bay at Marshall Apr. 7 (JR, TT, HD) and another was reported from Bolinas Lagoon Apr. 9 (*fide* DG);; while Pomarines are quite unusual along the coast they are by far the more common jaeger offshore during the spring. The best bird of the year so far (excluding February's dead Scaled Petrel) was a winter adult **Black-headed Gull** at Marshall on Tomales Bay Apr. 5-8. Bruce Sorrie first discovered the bird in a feeding flock of Bonaparte's Gulls a half mile away in the middle of the bay, where many observers saw it on following days and were impressed by the ease of identification at that distance. It also rested on the shore of the Audubon cypress grove during the mornings and allowed close study. This is the tihrd California record. A **Black-legged Kittiwake** was inland at Nicasio Res., Marin Co., Apr. 7 where it is most unexpected (BY). The **Long-eared Owl** remains our least understood owl: one was along Patterson Pass Rd., Alameda Co. Apr. 20-25 (DE, JM). The incredible **Olivaceous Flycatcher** at the Carmel R. mouth was last seen Apr. 11 (VR, KG, JRi). A **Dusky Flycatcher,** a rare spring migrant near the coast, was described from Tilden Park Apr. 25 (A&WG). Our local wintering **Brown Thrasher** remained in Oakland through at least Apr. 15 (GMy) and another was reported from Lake Merced Mar. 30 (MR). A **Townsend's Solitaire** at an unusual spot was one at San Antone Junction, up Mines Rd. out of Livermore, Apr. 4 (AE, PW). A **Yellow-breasted Chat,** rarely found in migration and especially so along the coast, was at Lake Merced Apr. 29 (MLR, BF). The wintering **American Redstart** and its accompanying Hermit Warbler were still near Sebastopol Apr. 8 (LPr). A male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was in a residential area of San Pablo Apr. 7 (LPt) — each year we have a very small number of winterers and migrants. The Berkeley **Harris' Sparrow** was still present at month's end and had attained full breeding plumage (CG), while another in partial breeding plumage was at Audubon Canyon Ranch Apr. 3-11 (PW, MLR, DR *et al*). Finaly, there was an impressive movement of **White-throated Sparrows** in early April. 2 were in San Francisco (AF) and Angwin (WS), and singles came from the Carmel R. mouth (DE), the UC Botanical Gardens in Berkeley (EC), Orinda (LH), Audubon Canyon Ranch (DR, TT), and Santa Rosa (CP).

Observers: Eric Caine, Chris Carpenter, Hannah DeLew, Art Edwards, Dick Erickson, Ann Follis, Bud Fry, Kimball Garrett, Albert & Wilma Ghiorso, Clark Gleason, Doug Gomke, Tom Harvey, Letitia Hilmar, Bob & Lenore Johnsen, Nils Kjellen, John Luther, Susanne Luther, Robin May, Gwen Mayne (GMy), Brian McCaffery, Joe Morlan, Gerald Mugele (GMg), Carmen Paterson, Les Perry (LPr), Leslie Pettitt (LPt), Van Remsen, Jean Richmond (JRi), Mike Rivers, Don Roberson, Jolee Roberson (JR), Mary L. Rosegay, Rich Stallcup, Wally Sumner, Terry Taylor, Gertrude Vialos, Peter White, Bob Yutzy, Gary Zamzow.

—DON ROBERSON, *Observations Editor*

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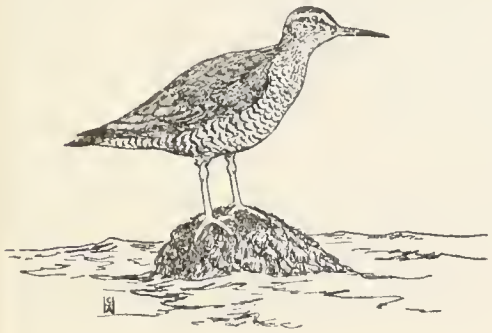
Field Trips Calendar



If you can give someone a ride, or if you need a ride to any of our field trips, please call Connie Holmes in San Francisco (775-7221 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings), or Marian Craig in the East Bay (845-5036 any time between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.)

June 5/6 — Yosemite bus trip is ALL FILLED.

June 12/13 — Yuba Pass and vicinity, north of Lake Tahoe. See May *GULL* for details. Leaders: Beth Snyder (841-1747) and Marie Mans (284-7681).

Wednesday, June 16 — Mini-trip for **seniors to Redwood Regional Park,** Oakland. Meet at **10:15 a.m.** at the Skyline Market parking lot at Skyline Blvd. and Redwood Road, where rides into the Canyon can be provided for those who need them. AC Transit **bus 15A** leaves 14th and Broadway at 9:37 a.m. and arrives at meeting place at 10:14. Better bring lunch. Leaders: Kathryn and Milward Harris (531-9444).

Saturday, June 19 — Sunol Valley Regional Park. Canyon Wrens, Northern Orioles, and several different woodpeckers, flycatchers, and warblers are common breeding birds here. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Brown Cottage Headquarters. From Interstate 680 take Hwy. 84 off-ramp, turn south into Calaveras Road, follow signs to Park (about 5 miles). Bring lunch. Leader: Jim Clayton (524-2917).

Saturday, June 26 — North Slope of Mt. Tamalpais. A five mile walk through a variety of habitats — marsh, meadow, woods and lakes. Meet at the parking lot in the center of the town of Fairfax; caravan will leave there at **8:00 a.m.** Carry lunch. Leader: Pat Triggs (664-8502).

Saturday, July 3 — San Luis National Wildlife Refuge. An exploratory trip to learn more about the breeding birds of this popular winter birding area. Swainson's Hawks, Lesser Nighthawks, Black-necked Stilts, Blue Grosbeaks nest here. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the white building about one mile past the entrance to the San Luis Refuge. Take Interstate 5 south, then Hwy. 140 east. Ten miles past Gustine take Hwy. 165 south to Wolfson Rd. Follow signs. If the forecast is for hot weather in the San Joaquin Valley, be prepared for 100°F plus temperatures. Leaders: Peter and Dolores Whte (339-9234).

Wednesday, July 7 — Not-So-Mini Trip by special arrangement for **GGAS seniors** to our famous **Audubon Canyon Ranch.** Meet at the

Ranch at **10:30 a.m.** See March *GULL* for transportation "give and receive" or call Harriet Fraser (661-4787). Ranch naturalist will be with us. You may observe rookery from below or walk to overlook. Bring lunch. Take either Hwy. 1 or the Panoramic Highway over Mt. Tam to Stinson Beach. Continue north 3 miles to the Ranch. If you prefer non-mountainous driving, follow Sir Francis Drake Blvd. off Hwy. 101 through Fairfax and Olema. Turn **left** on Hwy. 1 and proceed south to the Ranch.

Sunday, July 11 — Pt. Reyes Peninsula to find nesting birds and early shorebird migrants. Pigeon Guillemots, Common Murres, Black Oystercatchers, as well as Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants nest on the ocean cliffs along the seashore. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the parking lot at the Pt. Reyes Seashore Informaton Center. Bring lunch and scopes. Leader: Betty Short (921-3020).

Friday, Saturday, Sunday — July 23-25. A woodpecker special to Alpine Club Lodge at **Echo Lake in the Sierra** (elevation 8000 ft.) by **bus only.** First loading Friday, July 23, at **6:00 p.m.** in **San Francisco** at Grove and Larkin in the front of the Civic Auditorium (park in underground Civic Center Garage);; second loading in **Oakland** at **6:30 p.m.** at Alco Park Garage, 12th and Jackson. Short snack stop in Sacramento. Make reservations with Erline Hevel, 425 Ulloa St., San Francisco 94127, phone 661-4251. All meals through Sunday lunch and two nights lodging $15.50 for dormitory (if you're an Alpine Club member $9.50); twin bed room $18.50 per person (members $12.50); plus $18.00 for bus fare. Make check payable to Golden Gate Audubon and **include your telephone number.** Send stamped, self-addressed envelope for confirmation. Brng sleeping bags or blankets, as well as an extra $2.00 for the boat ride across Echo Lake. Deadline July 9; no refunds after that date. Be prepared to walk. Return about 9:00 p.m. Dinner stop in Sacramento. Leader: Pat Triggs (664-8502).

Sunday, August 1 — Ano Nuevo State Presrve to see Harlequin Ducks, Black Swifts, Bank Swallows – and Elephant Seals, the animal for which this preserve was primarily set aside. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the large parking area at the intersection of Hwy. 1 and Pescadero Rd., about 40 miles south of San Francisco. We will also bird at Pescadero Marsh and Pigeon Point. Bring lunch and scopes. Leader: Ted Chandik (493-5330).

Sunday, August 8 — Louis Henrich's Ranch in Glenn County. Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Lesser Nighthawks, Blue Grosbeaks, as well as several late summer migrants have been recorded here in recent years. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** along Hwy. 45, 4.2 miles north of the town of Glenn. Take Interstate 5 north to Willows; Glenn is 10 miles east of Willows. Driving time about 2 hours. Be prepared for hot temperatures. Leader: Joe Morlan (654-1358).

A bus trip to see Condors near Mt. Pinos in Southern California is planned for August 13, 14, 15. Watch July/August *GULL* for details.

–FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

WESTERN BIRDS

Have you ever wanted to know how to identify a Yellow-billed Loon or Common and Arctic Terns or Northern and Louisiana Waterthrushes (cases where the field guides are wrong) or perhaps female hummingbirds (cases where the guides don't even try)? Would you like to see the best photos from California's top bird photographers? Would you like to know how to *see* a Flammulated Owl? Are you interested in rare birds?

These and many other topics of interest to birders have been found in the pages of *Western Birds,* a quarterly magazine published by and for those wanting a more complete knowledge of birds in the west. It contains identification articles (with photos) by the experts, reports of the California Records Committee, galleries from renowned photographers — in short, it is the best way to keep abreast of what is learned in the western birding world. *Western Birds,* a necessity for the serious field birder and of benefit to amateur and professional alike, is obtained by joining California Field Ornithologists at a membership rate of only $5 a year. Besides the magazine, members receive discounts on CFO's highly-regarded pelagic trips. Join now at:

California Field Ornithologists
1625 Hazelaar Way
Los Altos, CA 94022

ANNUAL DINNER

We hope you have marked **Thursday, June 10th,** for the annual dinner at the Unitarian Church, Geary and Franklin, S.F. Reservations, at $5 per person, must be received in the GGAS office by June 3rd. We will meet at 6 p.m. for a half hour of social gathering before dinner. The program. "Rare Birds of the Farallones," will be given by Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

AUDUBON MAGAZINE

Don't throw your issues of *Audubon* magazine away. There is a great need for them. Send them to the GGAS office and they will put them to use. We call it recycling.

A NEW COURSE IN BOTANY

"Plant Communities in California," an introductory course in botany, will begin on June 24 at Albany High School. The course will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:45 - 9:45 P.M. and will run six weeks. Bill Brophy is the instructor.

You may call Albany High School for registration information.

—JAMES CLAYTON, *Education Chairman*

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH

Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach 94970.
Telephone 383-1644.

Wildlife Sanctuary and Nature Education Center under joint sponsorship of Marin, Golden Gate, and Sequoia Audubon Societies. Ed P. McElhany, Chairman.

The Ranch is open to the public without charge through July 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Schools and other groups interested in guided visits to the Ranch on weekdays may make arrangements by calling Edris Cole at 383-1644 for appointments. The Ranch is closed on Mondays.

NEWS FROM THE RANCH

MAY IN AUDUBON CANYON. Naturalist, John Kipping writes: "After a belated start the nesting activities of the egrets are in full swing now and the cries of the young great blue herons atop the redwoods fill the canyon. Far below, the lagoon is alive with the changing tides. Flowing water reveals the sublime pattern of channels, now laced with thousands of sandpipers. The resident harbor seals bask in the sun near Pickleweed and Kent Islands, while overhead the osprey and the large Caspian terns hover and plunge."

SCULPTURE SHOW. A display of Howard Wheatley Allen's exquisite wood carvings of North American birds will be on exhibit at Shorebirds which is located on the Boardwalk in Belvedere. The display will run from June 1 through June 19, Hours 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Through Mr. Allen's generosity, Audubon Canyon Ranch will share in the proceeds.

KUDOOS. Special thank you to: the fifteen people from Outdoors Limited who pitched in at Volunteer Canyon over the Easter weekend to give an assist toward completion of the water system there.

Thank you also to: Marilyn Proffit, Marjorie Schwarz, John and Kathy Kipping and Helen Pratt who made possible the purchase of walkie-talkies and to E. D. Bullard Co. of Sausalito for their donation of three fine first aid kits.

—BETTY BOYD

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The Board of Directors of GGAS wishes to announce that this society's gift to Audubon Canyon Ranch in memory of Leonard Machlis is the start of a nature library for use in ACR's new education center in Volunteer Canyon. For Dr. Machlis, who so greatly enriched the lives of all who knew him, there could be no more fitting a memorial than the perpetual enrichment of the lives of others. We think Len would have liked that.

The Society welcomes gifts in general or gifts in honor or in memory of relatives and friends. Such gifts will be used as specified by the donor, or if unspecified, at the discretion of the Board. This includes their use for general GGAS activities or for special programs of the Society including Audubon Canyon Ranch of which GGAS is co-sponsor. Please send your gift in the form, of a check made out to the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. to Mrs. Irving Taylor, Corresponding Secretary, GGAS, 2718 Telegraph Avenue #206, Berkeley, CA 94705. The Society is also appreciative of any bequests. Such bequests should specify as recipient the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. All gifts, donations and bequests will be acknowledged in *THE GULL*, as well as personally on behalf of the Society, by the Corresponding Secretary.

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The Gull deadline is the first of the month for the following month.